(c) The recommendations of the Committee will be implemented with effect from 1995-96.

UNDP Project

3231. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules with regard to payment of unskilled personnel in UNDP sanctioned projects undertaken by Ministry of Rural Development;

(b) whether it is a fact that salaries to officer will be paid in dollar and unskilled labour in rupees;

(c) whether Government have framed any rules in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has also given permission for such discriminate payments;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) what steps Government propose to review all such projects and the type of people being employed; and

(g) the number of people from Tamil Nadu who will be employee in UNDP projects in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not have any UNDP supported project under implementation.

(b) to (g) Does not arise.

Implementation of Foreign Assistance Programmes

3232. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of financial assistance being obtained in 1994-95 and 1995-96 from foreign agencies, like UNDP;

(b) the details of the budgets and outlay of UNDP projects promised for the next two financial years, including the current year;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of people from the Ministry will find lucrative positions in such projects;

(d) if so, the details of positions which will be reserved for officials from the Ministry;

(e) what are the reasons for not hiring top personnel from outside the Ministry, especially from NGOs for such highly-paid positions;

(f) whether a major portion of the funds will be earmarked for salaries, consultancies, travel and foreign assignments; and

(g) if so, what portion will be remaining in percentage terms, for actual implementation of UNDP projects in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (g) Financial assistance from foreign Agencies is being received in respect of following programmes:—

(i) **Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas) (DWCRA):** UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) reimburses one third share of revolving fund of Rs. 15,000/- given to each DWCRA (Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas) group.

(ii) **Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme:** WHO (World Health Organisation) has allocated U.S. $ 1,82,000 for 1994 and 1995 under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Progremmes towards the costs incurred on equipments, fellowships, salary of Consultants etc.

Similarly, UNICEF has allocated assistance of U.S. $ 18.8 million for similar activities including communication, guinea worm eradication, MIS (Management Information System) etc.

A project proposal for capacity building for local governance and decentralised administration in support of sustainable development has been received from (UNDP) United Nations Development Programme.

This proposal is under preliminary stage of examination in this Ministry. A decision will be taken on the proposal in accordance with the procedure and guidelines for externally

aided projects as prescribed by the Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance. The question of directly posing such projects by this Ministry for assistance of UNDP does not arise since such projects are processed by the Department of Economic Affairs.

Review of Foreign-Aided Programmes

3233. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a review of all foreign aid and assistance programmes in the Rural Development Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these programme are not beneficial to the common man; and

(d) the steps proposed to become self-reliant and implement programmes which are financed indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Foreign assistance is received from UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to the tune of 1/3rd share of revolving fund of Rs. 15,000/— for each women group under DWCRA (Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas) which is very nominal as compared to the total Budget outlay of the Ministry. Besides this, some assistance is received from WHO (World Health Organisation) & UNICEF for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programmes. A review of these projects is made from time to time during discussions with the concerned organisations and annual foreign aid talks between Ministry of Finance and concerned Funding Agency. These projects are for direct benefits to the common man.

Standing Committee on Rural and Urban Development

3234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Rural and Urban Development has expressed displeasure over the underutilisation of funds allocated in the Jawahar Rozgar Yojna;

(b) whether this scheme was launched to generate gainful employment for the rural masses;

(c) whether the committee has pointed out that during 1994-95, the Ministry had targeted creation of 10,804 lakh mandays in 1994-95 and an amount of Rs. 3,306.01 crore was allocated for this purpose;

(d) whether according to the Committee, Government could only provide 4,597.73 lakh man-days up to December, 1993;

(e) whether this was less than 50 per cent of the target; and

(f) what were the main reasons submitted by the Ministry for the poor performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development in its report has pointed out that during 1993-94, a target of generating 1080.499 lakh mandays was fixed and an amount of Rs. 3306.01 crores allocated for this purpose and noted that the performance in this regard has not been found satisfactory as the achievement upto December, 1993 was only 4597.73 lakh mandays which is 42.5% of the target fixed.

(f) JRY is a wage employment programme and the performance under the scheme depends upon the seasonal variations during the year. Works under JRY cannot be taken up during rainy season and the best months for taking up wage employment works are usually from December to May.

In addition, though it was decided to intensify JRY in 120 backward districts during 1993-94, it could not be started in time in some of the States namely Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in view of the elections to the State Assemblies concerned.

However, as per the reports received from the States/UTs. for the year ending March, 1994, as against the total JRY allocation of Rs. 4132.50 crores (including State share)